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1. The Chinese Communist government in Peiping has appointed Dr. H. Sheng LU*, vice-president of the Yunnan Consolidated Tin Corporation (YCTC), as mining chief of the Yunnan tin district and LO Chi-tao, who owns mines in Hsiaohokou (105-36, 44-04) and Kochiu (103-05, 23-22), as magistrate of the tin area (sic).

2. Present tin stocks in Yunnan are as follows:

65% +	3,500 long tons
97-99%	550 " "
YCTC-refined tin metal	250 " "

3. There are also several hundred tons of tungsten (65% W03) in Yunnan.

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4. The mines are in poor financial shape. YCTC workers have not been paid for the past few months because YCTC cannot trade foreign credits for Yunnan silver dollars, which the workers demand.

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* Comment. LU is a member of the National Resources Commission (NRC) and one of their representatives to YCTC, 30 percent of which is owned by NRC. Since other NRC personnel have indicated an interest in working with the Communists ([REDACTED]), it is possible that LU has informed the Communists that he will be available for a post in connection with the Yunnan tin industry. 25X1A

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